

HO-501, Elkridge Springs  
5834 Main St., Elkridge  
Surveyed by: Kristin Hill  
April 2003

## **ADDENDUM**

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### Section 3. Owner of Property

David and Betsy Stark  
5834 Main Street  
Elkridge, Maryland 21075

### Section 4. Location of Legal Description

Howard County Courthouse  
Ellicott City  
Liber 2576, Folio 194 and Liber 3131, Folio 716  
Tax map 38, Parcel 576

### Section 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

X Other Contributing building in the Elkridge Landing Historic Survey District, HO-784

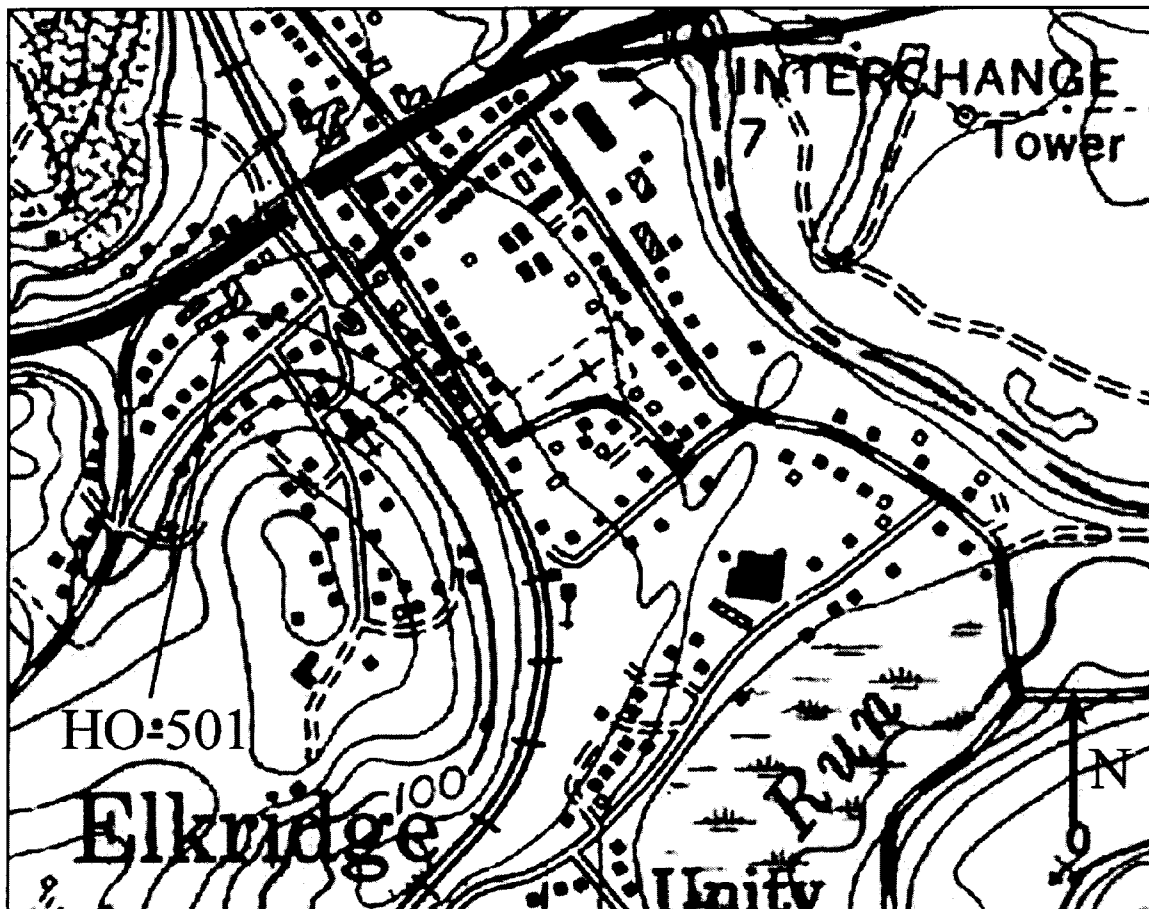
### Section 7. Description

Condition: Excellent  
Date: ca. 1880-1890

This two story frame house, known as Elkridge Springs, faces south on the north side of Main Street across the street from the intersection with Elkridge Heights Road. It is very similar in form and style to 5811 Main Street with its side gabled roof, five bay front façade with projecting central bay, and wall covering of unpainted cedar shakes. Elkridge Springs has its original 2/2 double hung wood windows on the second story of the front façade and the side facades, and its original 2/4 double hung floor-to-ceiling windows on the first story of the front façade. It also has the original paneled double front doors with transom and sidelights and square chamfered porch supports on the single story wrap around front porch. The balustrade of the porch has been replaced with a double metal rail. The cedar shakes have recently been replaced in kind and the roof is clad in asphalt shingles. The house is set well back from the street in comparison with its neighbors and has a neat and expansive front yard. Probably dating to ca. 1880-1890, this house is in excellent condition.

### Section 11. Form Prepared by

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HO-501, Elkrige Springs  
Elkridge, Howard County, MD  
USGS Topographic Quadrangle, Relay  
7.5 Minute Series, 1957 (PR 1966 and 1974)



170-501, Elmer's Springs  
5834 Main Street, Elmer's Landing Historic District  
Howard County  
Main St. 103  
Hwy 103 at MDCHPO  
Southeast corner

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HO-501  
Elkridge Springs  
Private  
Elkridge

O.C.  
Circa 1860

Elkridge Springs faces south on the north side of Main Street, just west of HO-500, the William's House. It is a five bay wide, two bay deep, two and a half story high, gabled roof (running east-west) shingled frame building, resting on a stone foundation, with tall, square brick, east and west chimneys and a projecting, intersecting gabled roof (running north-south) central bay and second floor, double, one-over-one light window and two-over-two light, rectangular attic window.

Along the south and east elevations of this section runs a one story high, hipped roof porch, which has been enclosed and features a central, rectangular, fifteen light entrance, flanked by two vertical side lights, surmounted by a two light transom. A tripartite eight-eight-eight light, rectangular window rests to its west and a similar double tripartite window to its east.

Fenestration for the house is vertically aligned and proportionally scaled. Windows are rectangular, double hung, and hold two-over-two lights. A hipped roof, oriel first floor window rests in the north bay of the west wall. A two story high, intersecting gabled roof (running north-south) north wing extends from the east side of the building's north wall, off whose west wall extends a three bay wide, two bay deep, two story high, gabled roof (running east-west) shingled frame structure, whose south wall rests against the north wall of the main body of the house, creating a twin gable on the west elevation.

Owned by Ann Hill on April 18, 1860, it is noted on the 1860 Martennet Map.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

HO-501  
Dist. 1

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY MAGI # 1405015604

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Elkridge Springs

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER 5834 Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Elkridge

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Howard

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar D. Bower, Jr.

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

5834 Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Elkridge

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code  
Maryland 21227

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE

Tax Map 38, p. 576

Liber #: 777

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Hall of Records

Folio #: 285

STREET & NUMBER

Howard County Court House

CITY, TOWN

Ellicott City

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Howard County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

1978-1979

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

21 State Circle, Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

**7 DESCRIPTION**HO-501  
Dist. 1

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE _____

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

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Elkridge Springs faces south on the north side of Main Street, three doors west of the Howard Lodge #101, Masonic Building, and just west of the Williams House, HO-500. It is a five bay wide, two bay deep, two and a half story high, gabled roof (running east-west) shingled frame building, resting on a stone foundation with tall, square brick, east and west chimneys and a projecting central bay with intersecting gabled roof (running north-south). This projecting central bay holds a second floor, double rectangular window, each section holding a one-over-one light window, divided and flanked by a flat pilaster. A two-over-two light, rectangular attic window, lies above, inset into the "A", formed by the intersecting gable.

Along the entire south and half of the east elevation of the house, runs a one story high, hipped roof porch which has now been enclosed and holds a double tripartite eight-eight-eight light, rectangular window east of the central fifteen light entrance and another single tripartite window, west of the entrance. Still another is located on its east and west walls. A very widely framed, two light transom surmounts the fifteen light, rectangular entrance door, which is flanked by two vertical side lights. This entrance leads into the central vestibule.

Fenestration for the building is rectangular, vertically aligned and proportionally scaled. Windows are double-hung holding two-over-two lights. A first floor hipped roof, oriel window rests in the north bay of the west wall of the main section of the building.

One further two story high, intersecting gable (running north-south) north wing extends from the north wall of the house, off whose west wall extends a three bay wide, two bay deep, two story high, gabled roof (running east-west) shingled frame building which projects one bay westward from the west wall of the main front section of the house, and whose south wall rests against the north wall of the main section of the house. The projecting west bay of its south wall holds a six light cellar window, a one-over-one light first floor window (previously an entrance) covered by a flat roofed hood, held by brackets, whose second floor west wall has been enclosed, creating a tiny second floor balcony with wooden railing along its southern perimeter.

The east wall of the front section of the house holds the first floor enclosure on its south side and a first floor two-over-two light window on its north side. Two second floor, two-over-two light windows rest above as well as two smaller third floor, rectangular, two-over-two light windows. A one story high, shed roofed open

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porch runs along the building's east wall from the enclosure and along the one bay which was added to the north wall and is covered by a shed roof. This section's east wall holds a first and second floor, two-over-two light window. The open porch is supported by four square posts.

Later, two further, two story high, bays on the north wall were added, covered by a gabled roof (running north-south).

The west elevation of the twin gable holds two six-light basement windows and two first and second floor vertically aligned, rectangular, one-over-one light windows, with a square central attic vent and wide brick chimney centered into its west wall.

The north elevation holds a first and second floor window in its west bay, while the remaining three bays of this wall project and are covered by the extension of the gable roof, the center of whose north wall holds a wide brick chimney, flanked by one-over-one light, second floor windows on each side, and a small four-light casement window injected between the chimney and east window. A first floor, vertically aligned window rests beneath the second floor window in the second west bay, while a shed roofed, one story high, screened-in porch runs along the east side of the north wall entrance.

#### Interior

Two rooms on the east side of the house are divided by a large double fireplace. Wide random width, Georgia pine floors, and an early north kitchen wing, with staircase, are interesting features of the house. The wide central hall, which originally ran from north to south, has now been more fully utilized by the addition of a bath and closet space on its north end. This outstanding hall holds the central staircase which rises from the first to third floors and features curvilinear spindles and fine bannister and knewel post.

The spaciousness and grandeur of the house must be experienced to be appreciated. Thoughtful interior decoration, as well as the addition of partitions which create more useable space, have not detracted from the architectural integrity of the house. On the contrary, door frames and woodwork have been custom crafted to match with that of the original woodwork, already found in the house.

In addition, the large living room, which takes up almost the entire west side of the house has been beautifully decorated with a crown molding, formed in plaster, as well as a central ceiling medallion.

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

Circa 1860

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Elkridge Springs is significant to Howard County architecturally as one of its fine, two and a half story high, five bay wide, two bay deep, gabled roof, shingled buildings, built on a grand scale, with intersecting gabled roof, central projecting bay and numerous additions, whose land historically belonged to Ann Hill, widow of James Hill, prominent land owner who is believed to have constructed this house for her.

Architecturally, the building is basic to many shingled frame structures which dot Howard County. Certain embellishments, however, in addition to its scale, make it unique.

A central projecting bay makes it unique, as well as two north additions, one of which is a three bay wide, two bay deep, two and a half story high, gabled roof, addition which extends from the west wall of a two story high, intersecting gable roof north wing off the east side of the building's north wall. This latter arrangement is not unusual to Howard County architecture, but a very common element, usually a dining-room-kitchen wing. The three bay wide, two bay deep, gabled roof addition, however, differentiates the building from others, for its south wall sits against the north wall of the main structure but projects westward one bay, creating a pleasant "L" section in the northwest corner of the main structure. The west elevation, however, is also noteworthy, for both the main structure and the north wing are similar in scale and fenestration. One exception is the addition of an oriele window on the first floor of the north bay of the main structure's west wall. Otherwise their twin gables provide a variety and charm to the west elevation of the building.

Not only is the building outstanding architecturally, but it is interesting historically.

On April 18, 1860 Ann Hill granted and conveyed to Frances E. Henry a parcel of land, "being part of a tract of land called "Hanover," containing three acres of land and 30 square perches more or less, for \$1,341.00, a considerable sum of money for that day (liber No. 21 folio 29).

Twenty years later on December 16, 1880, Frances E. Henry granted and conveyed this same property to Marshall McCauley for \$900.00.

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Significance Statement  
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On July 7, 1881 Marshall McCauley and his wife Ann Eliza McCauley granted and conveyed to Sarah Iglehart "all that lot lying in the Village of Elk Ridge Landing which Marshall McCauley acquired from Frances E. Henry and Samuel H. Henry, her husband by deed" ( 43-271) for the sum of \$1,200.00.

Deed Liber No. 43 folio 466

At the same time, on July 26, 1881, Sarah Iglehart, widow, of the City of Baltimore granted and leased to I. Thomas Jones, also of Baltimore, the same property for 99 years, renewable forever but redeemable at option of I. Thomas Jones (43/523).

On October 2 and 5, 1903, I. Thomas Jones and Mary C. Jones, his wife conveyed a deed to William R. Eareckson on two pieces or parcels of land contiguous to each other and situate in Howard County. One parcel was that leased to Mr. Jones by Sarah Iglehart. The other was granted to I. Thomas Jones by Annie E. Milling et al by deed dated November 17, 1887 and recorded in L.J.W. 53/140.

On November 14, 1903, a deed between Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Williams and Mr. and Mrs. William R. Eareckson straightened out the property line between The Williams House and Elkridge Springs, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Eareckson. JHO 77-584.

Several old deeds granted contiguous property owners the right to the use of or to empty into the stream on the north side of the Washington Turnpike. Example: Liber 110, folio 342. The two covered springs of this stream today lie northeast of the house.

Since 1946 the house has been the property of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar D. Bower and his family, who presently occupy this outstanding home. During their tenure, the house has received careful care and renovation, with some very thoughtful alterations all of which enhance, rather than detract from the original house.

For these reasons, Elkridge Springs, in conjunction with the Main Street, Elkridge Area, should be placed on the National Register of Historic Places, the State Critical Areas Program and any future local landmark legislation for Howard County, Maryland, which the residents of Howard County may initiate.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Howard County Land Records  
Private papers of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Bowers with Title Search  
by Mr. Cornelius F. Sybert, Jr.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1.15 acres

Please see Attachment 1, Tax Map 38, p. 576

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please see Howard County Land Records, Liber 777 Folio 285

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE Maryland

COUNTY Howard

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME - TITLE

Cleora Barnes Thompson, Archivist

ORGANIZATION

Office of Planning & Zoning-Comprehensive Planning Section

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

3450 Court House Drive

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ellicott City

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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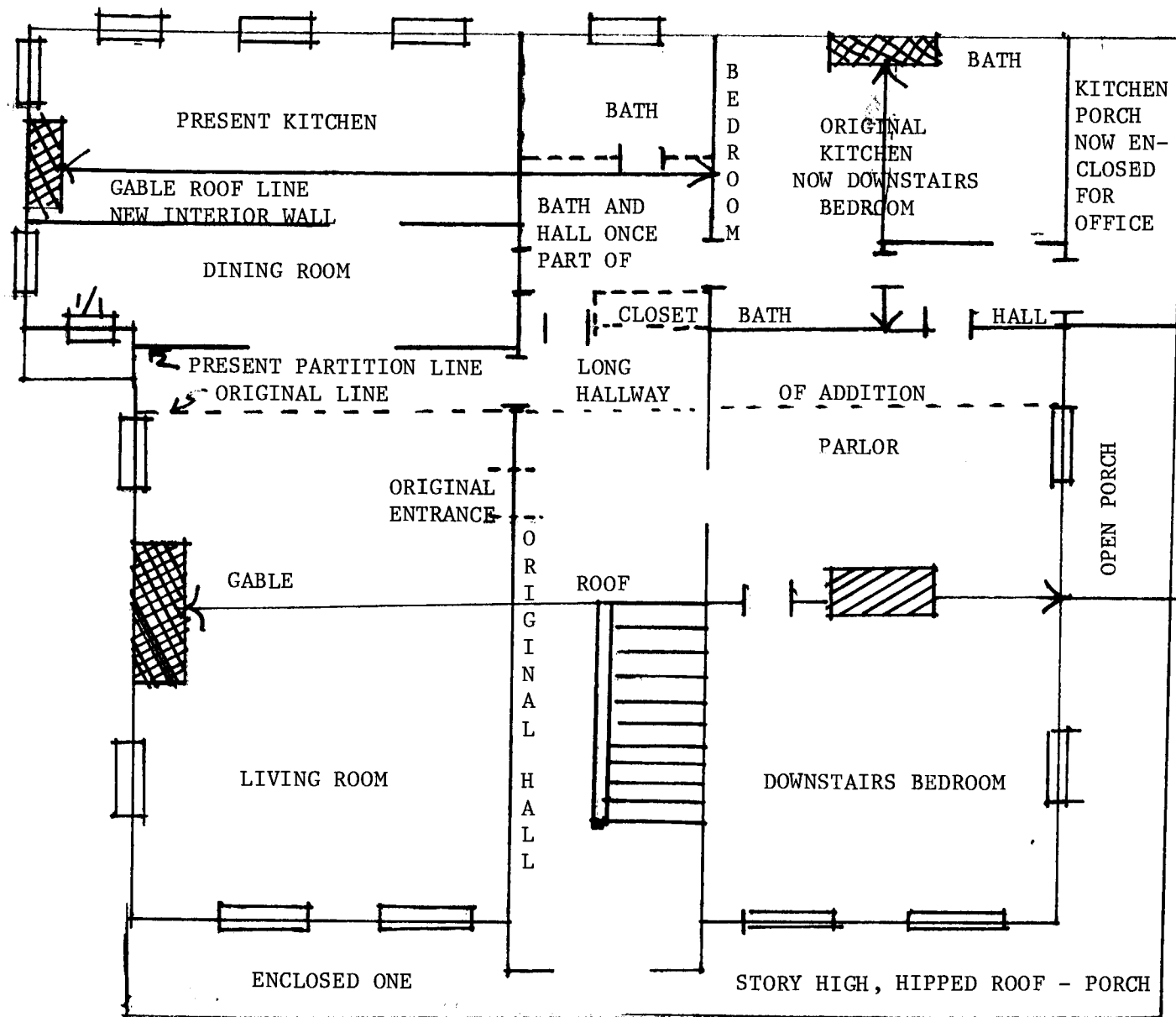


Figure 1  
HO-501  
Elkridge Springs  
First Floor Plan

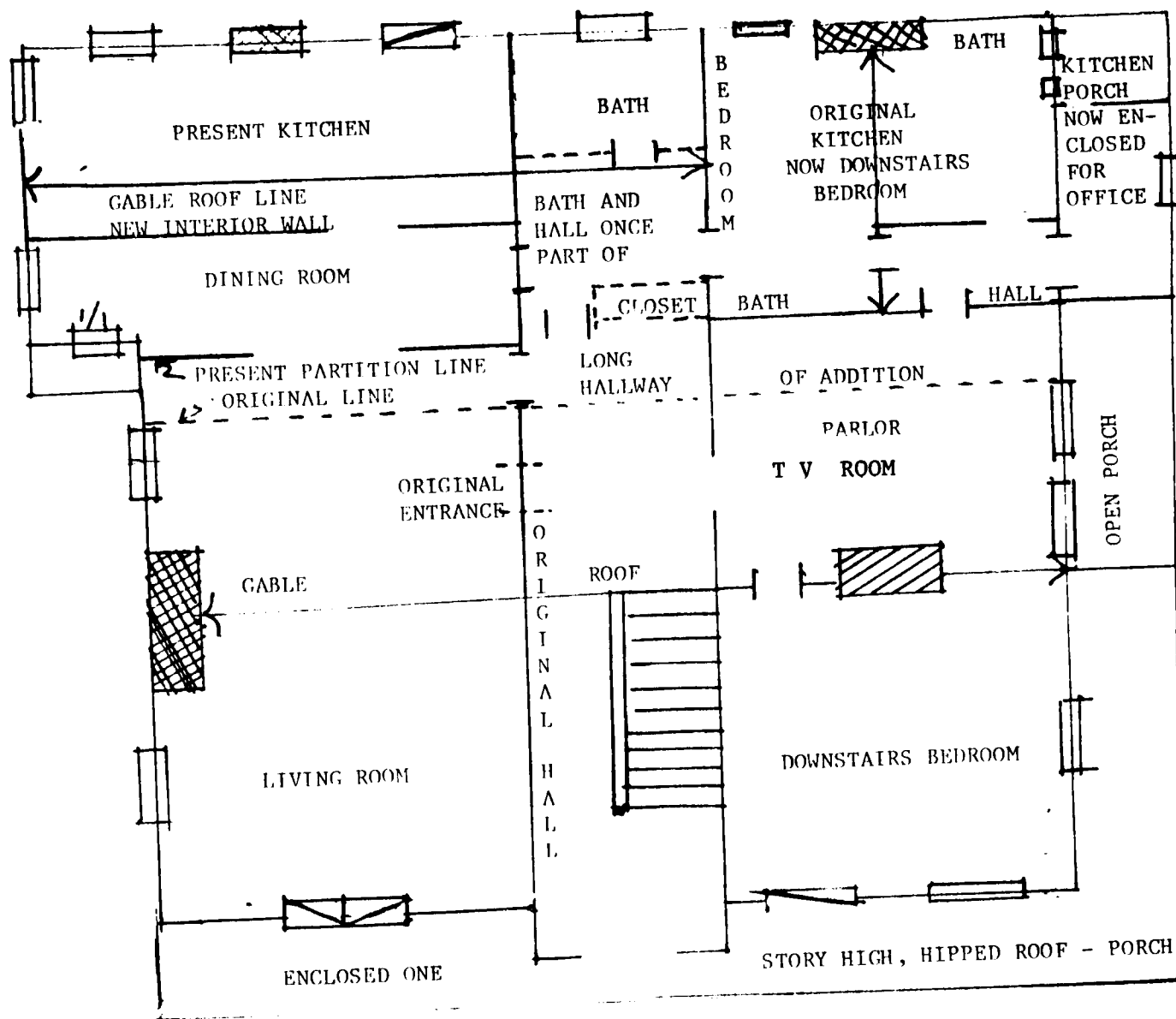
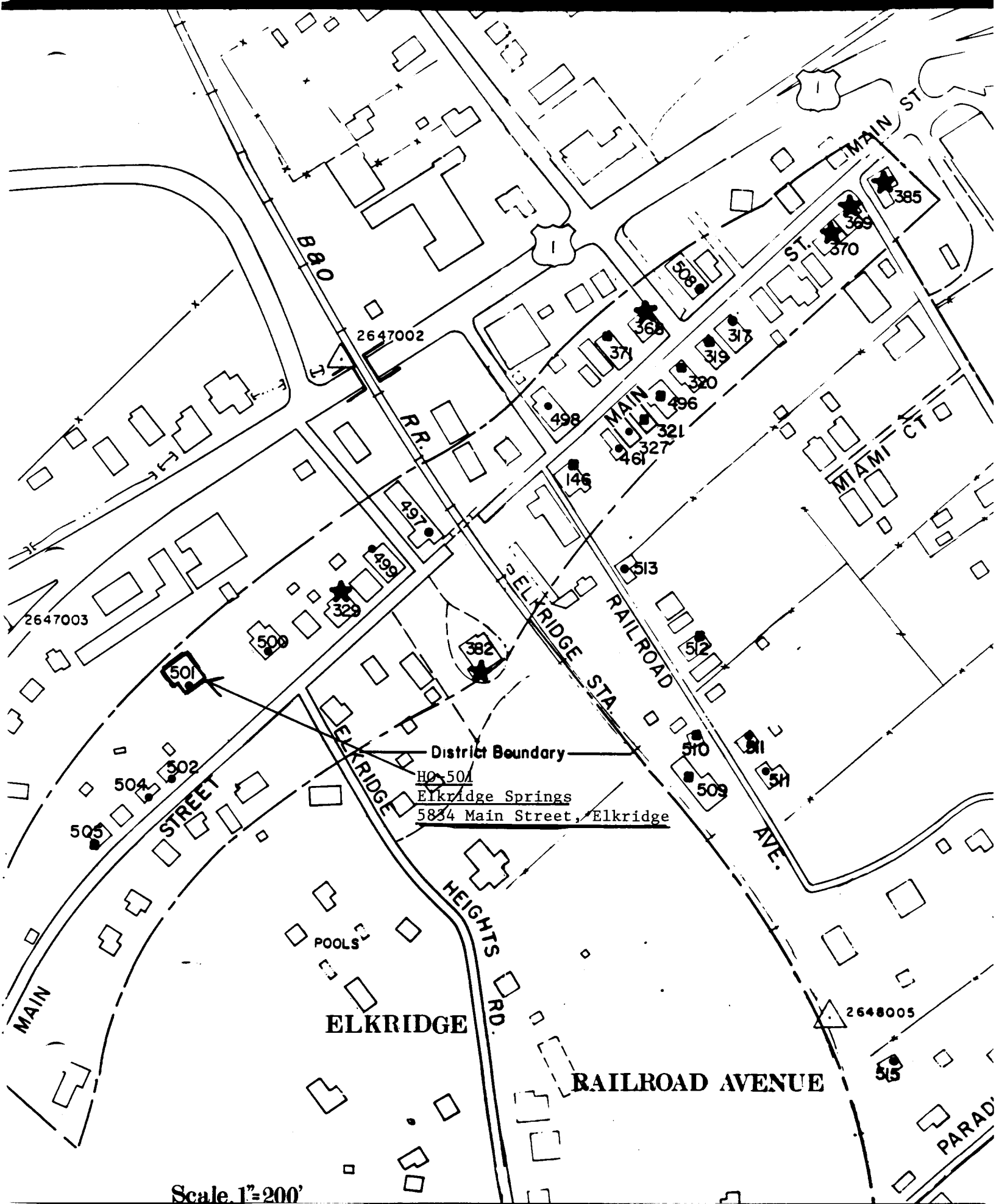


Figure 1  
HO-501  
Elkridge Springs  
First Floor Plan



District Boundary  
HO-501  
 Elkridge Springs  
 5834 Main Street, Elkridge

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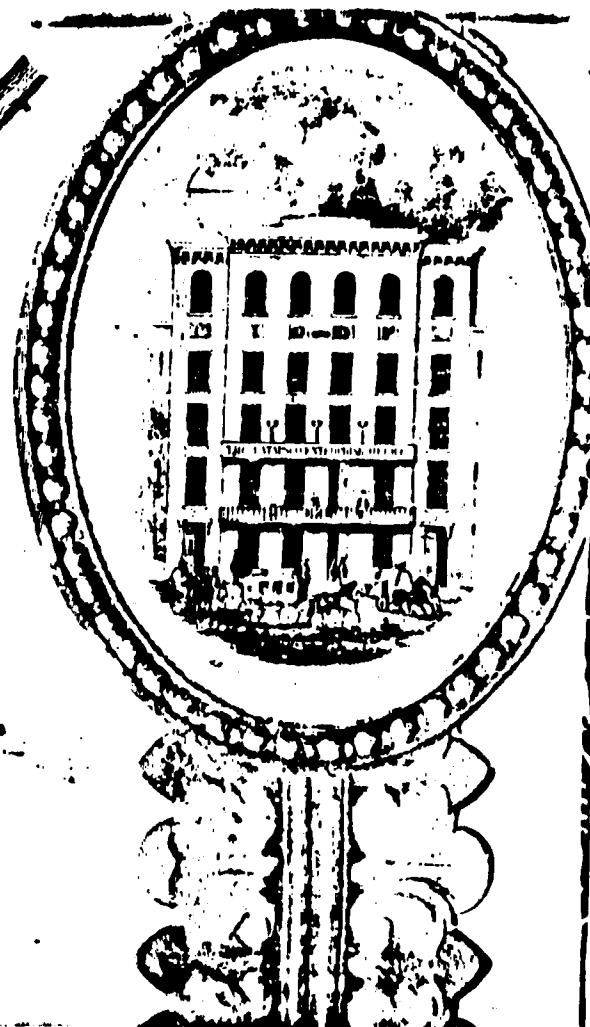
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Attachment 4  
HO-501  
Elkridge Springs  
1860 Martennet Map





HO-501

Elkridge Springs  
U. S. Geological Survey Map  
Relay, Maryland Quadrangle



Ho-501  
Elkridge Springs  
SOUTH

CB THOMPSON  
JAN - 1979  
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